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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an Iowa Civil War sesquicentennial commission
2 . and fund and providing for its prospective repeal.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 7G.1 IOWA CIVIL WAR
2 SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

3 1. ORGANIZATION. An Iowa Civil War sesquicentennial
4 commission is established in the office of the governor. The
5 commission shall be chartered and shall operate as a nonprofit
6 corporation within the state of Iowa, according to the
7 provisions of chapter 504.

8 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission shall be to
9 plan, coordinate, and administer activities and programs
10 during the years 2011 through 2015 relating to the
11 commemoration of the sesquicentennial of Iowa's involvement in
12 the American Civil War.

13 3. MEMBERSHIP. The commission shall consist of twenty-
14 five members, five of whom shall be appointed by the governor,
15 and twenty of whom shall be selected by leaders of the general
16 assembly. Of the five members appointed by the governor, one
17 member shall be the administrator of the state historical
18 society within the department of cultural affairs. Of the
19 twenty members selected by leaders of the general assembly,
20 five public members each shall be selected by the majority
21 leader of the senate and the speaker of the house, and the
22 minority leaders of each body respectively. The governor
23 shall appoint the chairperson and co-chairperson of the
24 commission, subject to confirmation by the senate. Persons
25 making appointments shall consult with one another to ensure
26 that the commission is balanced by gender, political
27 affiliation, and geographic location, and to ensure selection
28 of members representing diverse interest groups. The
29 provisions of chapters 21 and 22 shall apply to meetings and
30 records of the commission.

31 4. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY. The commission may adopt rules
32 in accordance with chapter 17A in order to accomplish the
33 purpose of the commission.

34 5. AUTHORITY. The commission may receive and make grants,
35 receive and expend appropriations, contract for services, hold

1 licenses and copyrights, and otherwise act as is necessary to
2 accomplish the purpose of the commission.

3 6. FUND ESTABLISHED. The sesquicentennial fund is
4 established as a separate fund in the state treasury under the
5 control of the commission.

6 7. FUNDS RECEIVED. All funds received by the commission,
7 including but not limited to gifts, transfers, endowments,
8 moneys from the sale of mementos and products related to the
9 purposes of the commission, and appropriations, shall be
10 credited to the sesquicentennial fund and are appropriated to
11 the commission to be invested or used to support the
12 activities of the commission. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
13 any balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall
14 not revert to the general fund of the state.

15 8. PERSONNEL.

16 a. The commission may employ personnel, including an
17 executive director whose salary shall not exceed executive
18 branch pay grade classification 40, to administer its programs
19 and services. The personnel shall be considered state
20 employees.

21 b. Personnel employed by the commission shall be exempt
22 from the merit system provisions of chapter 8A, subchapter IV.

23 9. EXPIRATION. The commission shall expire no later than
24 June 30, 2016. Upon expiration, all fund balances from
25 appropriations of state funds shall be returned to the general
26 fund of the state, and all other assets shall be transferred
27 to the Iowa historical foundation authorized pursuant to
28 section 303.9, subsection 3, subject to any conditions or
29 restrictions previously placed on the assets.

30 10. This section is repealed June 30, 2016.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill establishes an Iowa Civil War sesquicentennial
33 commission as established in the office of the governor. The
34 commission shall be chartered and shall operate as a nonprofit
35 corporation within the state of Iowa. The purpose of the

1 commission is to plan, coordinate, and administer activities
2 and programs during the years 2011 through 2015 relating to
3 the commemoration of the sesquicentennial of Iowa's
4 involvement in the American Civil War.

5 The bill provides that the commission consist of 25
6 members, with five members appointed by the governor and 20
7 public members selected by legislative leaders. The bill
8 grants authority to the commission to adopt rules, receive and
9 expend funds, and to employ personnel, including an executive
10 director. The bill establishes a sesquicentennial fund under
11 the control of the commission. The bill provides that the
12 commission expires no later than June 30, 2016, and all fund
13 balances from state appropriations shall be returned to the
14 general fund of the state and all other assets shall be
15 transferred to the Iowa historical foundation.

16 The bill also provides that it is repealed on June 30,
17 2016.

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